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Royal Kentish Bowmen.

AUGUST 28, 1789.

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R U L E S, &c.

DARTFORD HEATH.

July 15, 1786.

ACCORDING to a resolution
of August the 28th, 1785, of
instituting a Society of Archers, in
West Kent, to be known by the
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appellation of The KENTISH BOWMEN; by *John Edward Madocks, Richard Leigh, Joseph Madocks, Felix Calvert, jun. Robert Calvert, Charles Calvert, Thomas Latham, Rev. James Dodd, John Mumford, Robert Talbot, and Thomas Dalton*, there were four meetings held at *Mount Mascall* in the said year; and whereas by reason of several gentlemen intimating their wishes to belong to the society, it would become too large to be held at a private house: It was proposed by the above Institutors to call

H a meeting upon Dartford-Heath,
 this day, July 15, 1786, (several
 meetings having been held at Mount
 Mascal during that summer) when
 the following gentlemen attended
 and entered into regulations for the
 more permanent establishment of
 the said society, they becoming
 members by consent of the original
 institutors.

Rich. Glode,

H. Fleet,

Geo. Blackman,

G. Smith,

Rev. W. Lance,

and

K. Mackensie,

T. Waring.

RESOLVED.

MEETINGS.

The References are to the Minute Books.

N. B. The Rules marked thus o were originally made at the instigation of the society, and consequently not entered in the minute book.

THAT the Society of Kentish Bowmen be continued on Dartford Heath. o

That the Meetings commence annually the first Saturday in May,
and

and continue every Saturday during the months of May, June, July, and August. o

That twelve members form a meeting competent to transact all business: except the repeal of rules.

—See Repeal, (Min. vol. i. page 27.)

That all questions be determined by a majority of votes, and in case of an equal division, the member present whose name stands first upon the list to have the casting vote. o

That

That notice of every motion intended to be made, shall be hung up in some publick part of the room, one week at least before it is moved. o

That any member who proposes a candidate, or gives notice of an intended motion, and does not cause it to be brought forward, or such candidate to be balloted for at the first meeting after such motion is made, or candidate proposed, or obtain leave of the members present to defer the bringing forward
such

such motion, or balloting for such candidate, they shall be considered as rejected (except always where there are not twelve members present). Min. v. 1. p. 65.

That no motion which has been negatived be again brought forward except upon a Target Day. (Min. v. 1. p. 20.)

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ELECTION.

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THAT every candidate be proposed by some member, and upon his being seconded, such member shall cause his name to be hung up in some publick part of the rooms. That he shall be balloted for at the next meeting, twelve members at least being present, and two black balls excluding. (Min. v. 1. p. 2. v. 1. p. 24, 27.)

That if any candidate is rejected the member who proposed him, shall

shall be at liberty to have the ballot tried once again, and no more.
(Min. v. 1. p. 2.)

That no candidate who has been rejected be again proposed that year.
(Min. v. 1. p. 2.)

That every new member upon his first appearance be personally introduced to every member present by the Proposer, Secretary, or Treasurer. (Min. v. 2. p. 33.)

That the ballot be brought forward immediately after dinner, and at no other time. (Min. v. 2. p. 68.)

SUBSCRIPTION.

THAT every member upon his election shall pay ten guineas, which sum shall include his entrance money and first annual subscription. (Min. v. 2. p. 57.)

That every member shall pay annually one pound eleven and sixpence, out of which he shall be allowed part of the expences of his ordinary at every meeting: and pay

pay one guinea annually for his four target dinners. (v. 2. p. 14.)

That every subscriber for one year be considered as such for each subsequent one ; and be liable to be called upon for such year's subscription, unless notice of his intention of withdrawing his name be sent to the Secretary or Treasurer in writing, on or before the first day of May each year, on which the subscription shall become due. o

That in case any gentleman elected does not pay his subscription,

tion, the member who proposed him shall be called upon for it. o

That every member who does not pay his subscription, and all arrears to the society by the first of June each year inclusive, shall forfeit the sum of one guinea. (Min. v. 2. p. 13.)

N. B. All money due to the Society of Royal Kentish Bowmen is received by

R. LEIGH, Esq. Treasurer;

J. DENT, Esq. *Temple Bar*;

Mr. DICKENSON, *Bowman's Lodge*;

Mr. J. WILLIS, *Thatched House,*
St. James's Street.

ATTENDANCE.

THAT if any member shall neglect attending at some one meeting each year, or sending an excuse for such neglect, (the admissibility of which shall be determined by the members present, at the last Target Day, on or before which day the excuse must be sent) he shall be no longer considered a member of the society. (Min. v. 1. p. 13.)

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N.B. This rule is dispensed with in favour of those members who are elected after the 15th of July in each year, for the remaining part of the first year of their election. (Min. v. 2. p. 57.)

UNIFORM.

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Ordered by His Royal Highness
the Prince of WALES,

January, 1789.

A grass green coat, buff
linings, and buff waistcoat and
breeches : black collar to the
coat, uncut velvet in winter,
tabby silk in summer, with yel-
low buttons according to the
pattern sent to NUTTING'S,
No. 16, *King Street, Covent Garden*,
by His Royal Highness's order.
(Min. v. 2. p. 7.)

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RESOLVED.

R E S O L V E D.

That according to the established rule of the society, white dimity waistcoat and breeches may be worn at all meetings, targets, &c. o

That leather breeches may be worn at all meetings, targets, &c. (Min. v. 2. p. 40, 47.)

That the forfeit be two shillings and sixpence for not appearing

pearing in the uniform coat at all meetings of the society, and five shillings for not appearing according to the above resolutions upon Target Days, and such member not to be permitted to shoot, o

That the fines for not appearing in uniform be remitted to those members who appear in family mourning. (Min. v. 1. p. 40.)

That an R. K. B. button with a gold loop to a black round hat, and small black feather, be part of the shooting uniform, and no member to shoot without it, under the penalty of two shillings and sixpence. (Min. v. 2. p. 49.)

That all captains, captains of numbers, and lieutenants, shall wear a gold or silver arrow embroidered in their collar. (Min. v. 1. p. 66.)

That

That all clergymen belonging
to the society do wear a uniform
button, of papier machee, which
NUTTING will procure for them.
(Min. v. 2. p. 65.)

REPEAL.

R E P E A L.

That any member intending to move for a repeal of, or alteration in any rule, shall give notice of his intention publickly on some Target Day, and move it afterwards when he pleases, according to the forms of motions in general, provided there be no less than twelve members present, and two-thirds of them at least shall vote for the motion. o

This proportion to be observed in higher numbers,

L I M I T A T I O N .

(Vid. Min. v. 2. p. 16.)

That the number of ex-county members be limited to thirty-six.

That any member or candidate possessing any of the under-written qualifications be considered as a county member or candidate.

First, A freehold of 10l. per ann. in the county of Kent.

Second, Any person resident and holding a lease of 20l. per ann.

ann. in the county of Kent, for no less time than three years.

Third, Sons of freeholders.

Fourth, Sons of leaseholders as above, resident with their fathers.

Fifth, Any person entitled to a freehold of 20l. per ann. in the county of Kent, either in reversion or remainder.

Sixth, Any person holding a house under government in the county of Kent.

ORDINARY.

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That the bill be called for at eight o'clock.

That every member appearing upon the ground, either before or after dinner, shall pay ten shillings and sixpence ; and that every member who dines shall pay the like sum, to pay his expences till the bill is called. The surplus, if any, to go to the general fund ; the deficiency, if
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any, to be paid out of the general fund. (Min. v. 2. p. 51.)

That every member upon his marriage shall present the society with three dozen of claret. (Min. v. 1. p. 68.)

That no strangers be admitted to the dinners of the society but such who at the same time of their appearance are resident with the members who introduce them. (Min. v. 2. p. 48.)

OFFICERS

OFFICERS
AND
COMMITTEES.

That there be appointed to the Society every year the following officers :

President. Min. v. 2. p. 57.

Vice President. Ditto

Secretary. o

Treasurer. o

Antiquarian. o

Four Standard Bearers. (Min.
v. 2. p. 25.)

And Chaplain. o.

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That

That the election of all the officers be at the first meeting in June in each year, and that the *Secretary* shall give notice of such election, by a paper in the public room at least two meetings previous to it. o

That the votes shall be collected separately for each office, and in case of an equal division, the oldest member must have the casting vote.

That if there are not twelve members present, the election shall

shall be put off till the ensuing meeting, and so on *toties quoties*.

That there be a committee appointed every year at the first meeting in June, to superintend all business relating to the cellars of the society; consisting of five members; and that the same committee shall have the care of the lodge, and every thing upon the premises.

SHOOTING.

S H O O T I N G.

That none but members be permitted to shoot. o

That no greater number than six shoot rubbers or games at any of the butts, and that the same set do not shoot two rubbers together if any other wishes to occupy them. o

That the large targets are never shot at a less distance than
one

one hundred, nor the small at a less distance than sixty yards, under penalty of one shilling each shot. o

That any member who shoots games at the small targets forfeits two shillings and sixpence for each game; marks being proper for the purpose. o

That the order of shooting rubbers or games be determined by the oldest member concerned. o

That

That any member shooting out of his turn shall not reckon the arrow so shot, and the rest to shoot according to the first order. o

That the side who won the last end shall always lead. o

That seven be the game, and two games in three the rubber. o

That if any member borrows any implement in archery and
does

does not return it safe or pay the prime cost, and if the member from whom it is borrowed refuses to accept the prime cost, they shall forfeit five shillings each to the society. o

E**TARGETS.**

T A R G E T S.

THAT there be four targets every year, to be shot in the four respective months during the continuance of the meetings.
(Min. v. 2. p. 14.)

First target in May, to be fixed by the society at the first or second meeting: To be shot at three different distances according to rules of shooting for the Prince
of

of Wales's prize; and the three distances then determined upon shall be the distances at which His Roval Highness's prize shall be shot for. (Min. v. 2. p. 14.)

Second, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's prize to be shot for in June, with his approbation. (Min. v. 2. p. 14.)

Third, Anniversary Target, July 15. (Min. v. 1. p. 28.)

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Fourth,

Fourth, Institution Target,
Aug. 28. (Min. v. 2. p. 15.)

N. B. There are in the society
three pair of medals for three
of the abovenamed targets,
and the prince's prize for
the fourth.

That the officers of the last
target deliver the medals to those
who hit the gold and red cir-
cles first, who shall again deliver
them to better shots as they are
won ;

won; by which means the two shots nearest the center in the course of the day are the Captain and Lieutenant of the Target. o

That the members who win the medals be obliged to produce or send them to the first meeting upon the Heath in the following year, or forfeit five shillings. o

That no one member shall receive the captain's and lieutenant's medals at one target. (Min. v. 2. p. 48.)

That

That the members in possession of the medals appear with them at all the meetings or forfeit one shilling. o

That the members in possession of the medals forfeit one guinea if they do not produce or send them to the respective targets. o

That the two last targets, namely, the Anniversary and Institution Targets, be shot at the distance of one hundred yards. o

That

That after the targets are pitched, and the shooting commenced, any two members may continue it. o

That any member having once loosed an arrow, be called upon for his target money. o

That the subscription, or target money may be enlarged, first beginning with two shillings and sixpence, and when the first subscription is shot out, any member

ber may withdraw his name, being only answerable for such subscription. o

That a separate committee be appointed to conduct every target on target days, consisting of seven members at least. (Min. v. 2. p. 66.)

ORDER

ORDER of SHOOTING
TARGETS,

*To be observed at the Shooting of
all Targets in the Society of ROYAL
KENTISH BOWMEN.*

Captain of the respective target.

Lieutenant of the respective
target.

Captain of numbers.

Lieutenant of numbers.

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President.

President.

Vice President.

Winners of the Prince of Wales
prizes.

Secretary.

Treasurer.

Antiquarian.

Chaplain.

Four Standard Bearers.

Captains and Lieutenants possess-
ing Medals.

Captains and Lieutenants in the
Society.

Honorary Captains.

Rest by lot.

That when the captain and lieutenant, either of the last target, or for the time being, part with their respective medals to a better shot, those who receive them shall take the lead, and those who part with them retain their original places. o

WINTER MEETINGS.

(Min. v. I. p. 43, 54.)

That there be two winter meetings between the last target in August and the first summer meeting following.

That the committee for the time being, or the majority of them, shall have the power of appointing

appointing the times and places
for such meetings.

That no business be done at
such meetings except the propo-
sition of candidates, and all such
candidates to be balloted for at
the first meeting upon the Heath
in the ensuing season,

STANDARD

STANDARD BEARERS.

The Society of Royal Kentish Bowmen having been presented with Two Standards; one by the Hon. H. FITZROY; the other by GEORGE GROTE, Esq. have according to Mr. FITZROY's motion appointed Four Standard Bearers, to be elected according to the rules. (See p. 28.)

And

And in common with other corporate bodies, deeming the colours most sacred and honourable, and feeling the necessity of securing them, have thought proper to prescribe the following regulations, to be adopted by the Standard Bearers.

That it be the duty of the standard bearers to guard and keep safe from damage the standards of the society.

That

That the standards be carried to and from the ground with the members attending in full uniform, on every target day, and at the first meeting in each year.

That the hour for beginning to shoot targets being fixed at twelve o'clock, it be required that two standard bearers attend every target day, on which the standards are to be borne, properly accoutered, at a quarter before twelve o'clock.

That

That the standard bearers appear in full uniform, with a cross belt of black leather, and swivel affixed, for the more conveniently carrying the standards, and an epaulet of gold according to the pattern first produced.

That if on any target day, or at the first meeting in each year, there shall not be two standard bearers present, or their substitutes, all the absent standard bearers shall be liable to a fine, to

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be fixed at the discretion of the members present at dinner on that day, provided such fine shall in no case be less than one guinea; and no excuse for the absence of a standard bearer to be admitted.

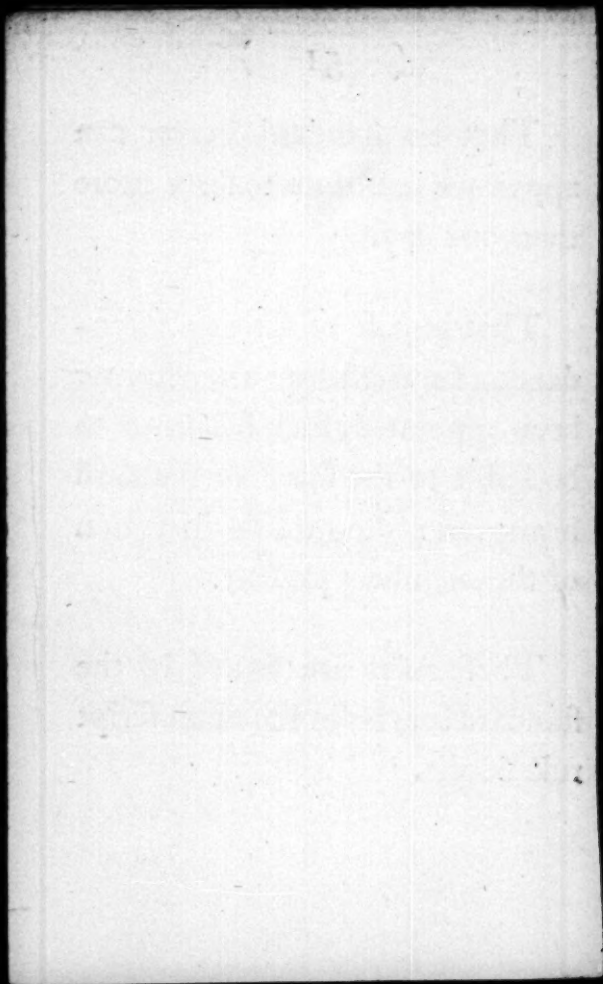
That if a standard bearer wishes to appoint a substitute, he shall appear at some one meeting, and obtain leave of the members present to appoint such a substitute as shall be approved by the majority.

That

That no standard bearer can appoint a substitute to serve more than one day.

That in case of the non-attendance of a substitute after having been appointed, such substitute to be liable to the fine ; or standard bearer, according to the discretion of the members present.

These rules are signed by the standard bearers in the manuscript rule books.



LIST OF THE MEMBERS

OF THE

Society of Royal Kentish Bowmen.

Instituted August 28, 1785.

INSTITUTORS.

John Ed. Madocks

Richard Leigh

Joseph Madocks

Felix Calvert, jun.

Robert Calvert

Charles Calvert

Thomas Latham

James Dodd

John Mumford

Robert Talbot

Thomas Dalton

August 28,
1785.

E L E C T E D.

Richard Glode	} 1786. > July 15
George Blackman	
Kenneth Mackenzie	
George Smith	
Hussey Fleet	} July 22
Thomas Waring	
Thomas Jordan	
Richard Haworth	
William Latham	} August 5
Thomas Borrett	
J. Petley	
Francis Mackreth	} August 12
Nich. Gilby	

J. Joynes	}	August 19
Christ. Metcalf		
John Nesbitt	}	August 26
Geo. Biggin		
Barrington Buggin	}	August 29
Theop. Leith		
John Calcraft	}	1787.
Granby Calcraft		
Hon. H. Fitzroy		
Earl of Effingham		
Geo. Tritton		
John Goodere		
John Birch		
James Davies		
Edward Morrison		
W. Savary		
		May 12

19	James Dodd	May 26
	Rt. H. Lord Eardley	} July 21
26	Nath. Webb	
	James Templar	August 4
29	Simon Frazer	} 1788, May 10,
	Lord Saltown	
	Capt. Ward	
	N. Calvert	
	John Dent	May 29
	Thomas Sutton	} June 7
	James Clitherow	
	William Birch	
	William Mumford	

William Webber	}	July 5
Francis Wadman		
John Randal		
Henry Jackson		
S. Frazer, jun.	}	July 12
John Tilden		
Edward Pilcher		
Edwin Hewgill		
William Birch, sen.		July 15
Rev. Rob. Wright		August 9
Charles Kite	}	1789.
Robert Pott		
Capt. Edwards		
Geo. Norman		
		May 2

Rob. Parker	}	
Arthur Pott		
Tho. Stracey		
Lieut. Col. Keppel		
Geo. Grote		
Henry Frazer		
John Warre		
Charles Repington		> May 2
Multan Lambard		
Geo. Cefwall		
General Pattison		
Felix Calvert, sen.		
Henry Bond		
Walter Sterling	}	

William Whitmore	}	May 2
Capt. James Perryn		
William Churchill		
Major J. Lemon		
Charles Cage	}	May 9
Capt. Stovin		
Capt. Brownrigg		
John Thompson		
Major Rhode		
Capt. Barrett	}	May 16
Frederick Pigou		
Thomas Green		
Lord Vis. Lewisham	}	May 16
Hon. Mr. Blighe		

Thomas Slade	}	May 16
Walter Prentis		
Rev. R. B. Ferrers	}	May 23
Baneroft Lister		
Edward Boldero		
Rt. H. Earl Darnley	}	May 30
Peter M. Andrews		
Tho. Lewin		June 6
Rev. J. H. Standen		June 13
Sir Ed. Knatchbull,	}	
Bart.		
John Adams	}	June 20
His Grace the Duke of Leeds		

David Lance	
Richard Hardinge	} July 4
William Calcraft	
His Grace the Duke	
of Dorset	July 15
Stephen Thornton	July 18
Sir H. Mann, Bart.	July 25
William Powell	August 1
Edward Hufley	August 8
Hon. C. Marsham	} August 15
P. Honeywood	
Sir P. Burrell, Bart.	August 22

Charles Hoare

Major Poyntz

Capt. Macmahon

Capt. Scott

Henry Blackwood

Henry Greville

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August 29

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